IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) | |
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| KENICHI MANABE, ET AL. | : | Examiner: Brendan N. McCommas |
| Application No.: 10/663,833 | ; | Art Unit: 2625 |
| Filed: September 17, 2003 | ;) | Confirmation No. 2698 |
| For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH THE |) :) : | |
| SAME |) | April 1, 2010 |

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Applicants also hereby petition for a one month extension of time, the fee for which is being paid electronically herewith.